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To: Friis, John
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Subject: HB6666, Section 5

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you in regards to your tentative decision to require state licensing of teachers at the Educational Center for the Arts and potentially prohibit students from paying tuition to ECA.

I studied creative writing at ECA from 1999-1002 and graduated with the senior prize and high honors. As a result of my time at ECA I am now a published writer appearing in books, anthologies, literary and music magazines. Had it not been for the support of the staff at ECA (all of which are working artists in their chosen professions) I would not have had the confidence or courage to send my work out and I would not have had the skills to pursue my dream of being a published writer. ECA shaped my life and has helped me as an adult to accomplish my goals. To this day I am still in close contact with many of my teachers, one of which I continue a working relationship with as an author.

ECA is a huge asset to the community and the students it serves. If high school students do not have a creative outlet they are more likely to get involved in much less positive activities. Please keep this letter in mind when you make your decision about ECA's licensing of faculty members and whether to disallow tuition payment.

Sincerely,
Zoe Alexandra Bornick

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